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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS FOR 1952.

The Crop Reporting Board makes the following report on prospective plantings of certain crops for 1952, based on reports from farmers over the country on or about March 1 regarding their intentions or plans for planting this spring. The purpose of this report is to assist farmers generally in appraising the prospective total acreages of various crops and making any changes from their earlier plans which may appear desirable. The acreage of individual crops actually planted this year may be larger or smaller than March 1 intentions because of weather conditions, price changes, the labor situation, finance, and the effect of this report itself on plans.

OKLAHOMA: The March 1 survey of planting intentions indicates further decreases in corn and oats acreages this year. The indicated corn acreage of 906,000 acres would be 12 percent less than last year and 38 percent less than the 10-year (1941-50) average. The indicated 567,000 acres of oats planted would be 30 percent less than last year and less than 1/2 the 10-year average. A further sharp decline is expected in the barley acreage, with indicated planted acreage of 34,000 acres, only a little over one-tenth of the 10-year average. Intended plantings of all sorghums at 1,666,000 acres is 15 percent less than last year's relatively large acreage, and 9 percent less than the 10-year average. Final plantings of sorghums could show a wide variation from intentions, depending on moisture, abandonment of wheat and other crops and other factors. Farmers had not been able to determine or make very definite plans on March 1 with regard to peanut acreage but the survey showed intentions of only 188,000 acres, a significant decrease from last year. Final plantings will depend on individual farm allotments for quota peanuts, price outlook of peanuts for oil and other factors. Further decline in Irish potato acreage is indicated, but an increase is expected in sweetpotatoes from the very small acreage of this crop last year. Further increase is indicated for soybean acreage. The planted acreage this year has expanded from 20,000 acres in 1948 to intentions of 162,000 acres for 1952. Indicated 1,478,000 acres of all hay, including alfalfa, prairie and miscellaneous kinds, shows only a slight decrease from the acreage cut last year, and would be 8 percent larger than the 10-year average.

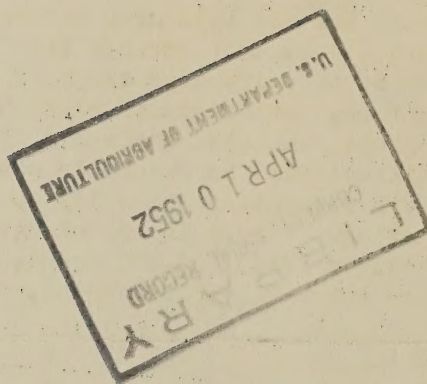
UNITED STATES: Farmers' plans for the 1952 crop season indicate relatively small change in total U.S. Crop acreage from 1951 acreages. For individual crops, however, the tendency is to shift from crops of high labor requirements to those of a less intensive nature. Other significant changes may result from the Department's production programs, when the goals and allotments receive the individual farmers' consideration. Soil moisture is generally satisfactory, except in parts of the Southwest. Irrigation water supplies generally promise to be the best in recent years. The 1952 planted acreage of corn is expected to be 83,928,000 acres only slightly above the 1951 plantings of 83,866,000 acres. The 1952 seedings of all spring wheat are expected to total 21,998,000 acres, or 1 percent less than in 1951.

CROP	OKLAHOMA				UNITED STATES			
	Planted Acreages		Planted Acreages		Planted Acreages		Planted Acreages	
	Average	Indica-	1952 as	Average	Indica-	1952 as	Average	Indica-
	1941-50	ted 1952	% of	1941-50	ted 1952	% of	1941-50	ted 1952
	(000)	(000)	1951	(000)	(000)	1951	(000)	(000)
Corn, All	1,470	1,029	906	88	88,379	83,866	83,928	100
Oats	1,290	810	567	70	43,968	41,594	42,818	103
Barley	330	90	34	38	13,986	10,840	9,752	90
Flaxseed	22	5	5	100	4,283	4,114	3,935	96
Sorghums, All	1,829	1,960	1,666	85	15,260	15,113	13,442	89
Potatoes	21.3	6.5	6.0	92	2,457	1,379	1,373	100
Sweetpotatoes	8	3	3.5	117	632	316	334	105
Soybeans 2/	24	120	162	135	12,788	14,838	15,457	104
Peanuts 2/	250	235	188	80	3,649	2,593	2,158	83
Hay 1/	1,368	1,493	1,478	99	74,536	74,718	75,380	101

1/ Acreage harvested. 2/ Grown alone for all purposes.

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